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ECONOMIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

THE COLONY'S SHIPPING AND SHIPBUILDING.

The following report has been compiled by the Shipping and Shipbuilding Sub-Committee, and is based upon the most expert advice in the Colony, and also upon facts supplied by the Captains of various ocean-going vessels.

SHIPBUILDING.

MATERIALS.—All supplies of materials, such as steel plates, sections, billets for forgings, pig iron for castings, etc., are imported from Britain or America. As compared with Great Britain, Hongkong is thus at least two months later in commencing work on a contract, due to the time required to ship materials out. In addition to this, the freight on materials adds at least 10 per cent. to their cost. Auxiliaries of a special nature are also purchased from home or America and are affected in the same way as steel by time of delivery and freight charges. Timber for decks, ceilings and cabin furniture, in the case of teak or hardwoods, is procured from Siam or Borneo, and soft wood, such as Oregon pine, from the Pacific coast. Timber cannot, however, be considered as costing more in Hongkong as Great Britain has to import both hard and soft woods. The foregoing are the principal items for which we have to rely on outside sources for our supplies, but there are many other details in the outfit of a vessel which have to be purchased abroad and which, if the demand were sufficient, could be economically produced in Hongkong.

An important factor in the absolute determination as to whether shipbuilding in Hongkong is ever to be a progressive industry is the production of iron and steel in China. If this ever eventuates Hongkong as a shipbuilding centre will be well established.

In the event of minerals being procurable in South China, steel works would have to be on a very large scale to cover the large variety of plates, sections, etc., used in shipbuilding. In Great Britain, Steel Works output is specialized, some firms turning out plates only and other firms sections only.

Auxiliary machinery is specialized in by many firms in Great Britain and could only be turned out economically in Hongkong if the demand were sufficient.

Local China Fir is only suitable for rough work. Whether supplies of suitable hardwoods to take the place of teak and Borneo hardwoods are procurable within easy reach of Hongkong, is a matter which might be investigated.

Freight rates on timber from Borneo to Hongkong have recently been reduced and timber merchants are increasing their plant with a view to a large output in the near future.

Pig Iron, in large quantities, has been shipped from Calcutta to Japan, the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha being the principal shippers, and the material being used, it is said, for shipbuilding purposes in Japan. No doubt the Government is kept fully advised for what other purposes it is used.

It has been proved that in Hongkong we are quite capable of building practically any type of merchant ship as cheaply as, or possibly cheaper than, any other country, Japan included. To be quite independent, however, cheap supplies of pig-iron and coal to run rolling mills are necessary. With a guaranteed supply of coal from nearby provinces in China, the question of the establishment of rolling mills is purely a matter of time, and there would then remain only the question of auxiliary machinery. This, it is assumed, will have to be imported from England or the United States for some years to come, as we have neither the expert advice nor the facilities for manufacture here.

Labour.—This is plentiful, but to maintain efficiency busy yards are essential. Efficiency has increased since the introduction of steel ships. In connection with apprentices, a system of technical education would prove of great benefit in the way of training them in modern practice. A study of the English language should be combined with their studies in engineering.

Punctuality.—The primary disability of labour under present is that few shipping people at home have any real idea of Hongkong's capacity for shipbuilding. This was particularly in evidence during the war when, with all the crying need for ships it was with the greatest difficulty, and only in the latter part of the war, that sufficient shipbuilding material was obtainable to keep the yards fully employed. Since then officials of shipbuilding firms at home and in America have inspected the local yards and have been very favourably impressed. The possibilities of getting ships built and repaired in Hongkong should be kept very prominently before shipping people in Great Britain, America, Canada and Australia, and the Colonial Office should be well advised of the work done here when the capabilities of the local yards. When the Colonial Office were informed towards the end of the war, practical results occurred.

The capabilities of Hongkong as a shipbuilding centre were also brought strongly before the Home Authorities in 1917 when a Hongkong built vessel was docked in Liverpool for inspection and a number of experts were asked to express their views, which were very favourable.

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS.

This matter is one of the utmost importance to the Colony. The idea held by those most vitally concerned is that the harbour is our only asset and that we should not play with improvements suggested by amateurs. Local experience gained by masters of merchantmen using this port is quite sufficient to enable us to indicate the position in which new piers and lights might be placed with advantage; also to indicate where fog signals, or diaphones, should be made use

of and the nature of such signals. Granting that the harbour is our principal asset, it is maintained that we require expert advice and properly constituted Port Authorities. There is already a tendency at other places in China (Daly, Tsingtau and Shanghai) to lay out scientifically constructed harbours and we are convinced that in view of possible developments it is necessary that the matter should be thoroughly investigated, in order that the Colony may prepare itself for all possible developments. This must be done if our harbour is to maintain its position of supremacy in China waters.

The following improvements are recommended:—

1.—An occulting red or green unwatched light, visible from 5 to 10 miles, should be placed on the Tathong Rocks in the East Entrance to facilitate navigation in and out of the harbour at night. If a light on Tathong Point is not sanctioned the light on Cape Collinson should be increased in power. In any case Cape Collinson should have a red sector showing into Junk Bay to guide ships into the anchorage. The red sector showing over Lyman Pass can be dispensed with, and a white sector instead, as it is not advisable to alter the red sector over Lyman Pass a green sector can be substituted for red showing into Junk Bay.

2.—The revolving light on Gap Rock should be converted into a group flash, thereby being visible in thick weather at greater distance than the present light.

3.—An unwatched light on an iron tripod on Hongkong Chow Island, North-west of Tai Ta Ming channel visible at 12-15 miles.

4.—The Bokhara Rocks should have a lighted buoy placed on them for navigation, around Cape D'Agular in the Shung Shi Mun channel. If possible to combine the two, it is recommended that an automatic whistling buoy, as a warning in foggy weather, be provided.

5.—The Rambler Shoal and Belcher Ridge should be dredged deeper, vessels of deep draft cannot at present navigate over them and both shoals are nearly in the Fairway; or remove Belcher Ridge. The Rambler Shoal need not be removed if Belcher Ridge is removed.

6.—Unwatched light on the East end of Lighting Island. Steamers bound south, or from the south, after their course of lighting, Gap Rock or Green Island as the case may be.

7.—Diaphones should be erected. They have proved of inestimable value in Canadian waters, and the far more crowded waters of this Colony, equally subject to dense foggy weather, should be similarly supplied. Diaphones are held to be the best system of fog signal in existence, as they have been proved to neutralize, to a very great extent, the areas of silence so often encountered. They would consequently be of inestimable value on Gap Rock and Waglan.

When in the vicinity of these stations it is by no means unusual for the support of the fog gun to be inaudible at two miles when you have previously heard it at five miles.

The Sub-Committee are endeavouring to ascertain the cost of and expense in connection with Diaphones, also wireless position finders which the Government have stated have been found impracticable, as apart from the expense the necessary power is not at present available.

In this respect the Secretary has addressed a letter of enquiry to Mr. Wallace, Manager C.P.O.S., who has promised to obtain as much information as possible from the Canadian Authorities through the good offices of the C.P.O.S. Official in Canada concerning these two instruments.

Further enquiries are being made with regard to fog signals, and a special report on this important question will be forwarded to Government in due course.

Dredging on a substantial scale is essential. All parts of the harbour which may be navigated by large steamers, and which have only a depth of 45 fathoms should be increased to the 55 feet mark. There should be more than one deep drafted fairway in the harbour in preparation for larger ships, but it is futile for us to put forward anything but the most elementary suggestions as to dredging until we know what form the new defences of the Colony are to take, and the alterations to tide, and currents which they may entail.

The following are the suggestions as to dredging:—

1.—Deepen the water off Kowloon Point. It is not necessary to dredge the West Lamma Channel, as the East Lamma Channel could be used, the least water in the Channel being 11 fathoms with the exception of the Lamma Patch (rock), which has 31 fathoms over it and could be buoyed or removed by blasting. If the East Lamma Channel is used, instead of dredging the West Lamma Channel an unwatched light would be required on the East end of Lamma Island. (Wong Chu Kok).

2.—Dredge the Western end of the Northern and Central Fairways to a suitable depth, and lay down heavier moorings as the moorings are only suitable for coasting steamers. If the Western end of the fairways are deepened, a deep water channel would also require to be dredged to Sulphur Channel in which there is plenty of water.

3.—To increase the harbour accommodation for ships drawing over 20 feet the harbour should be dredged to a depth to be hereafter decided on: (a) from the Northern Fairway to a line drawn East and West from the Southern entrance of Mong Kok Tse; (b) from the Fairway Buoy, or (b) dredge that part of the harbour to a suitable depth between a line drawn South from the West end of Stone Cutters Island to the Fairway Buoy and a line drawn South from White Pt. Stone Cutters Island to the Northern Fairway.

The Man-of-War anchorage is a good position for deep draughted ships, but it would probably be asking too much to suggest removing the men-of-war from their present anchorage to, say, Kowloon Bay.

Piers or Jetties might with advantage add to the facilities for handling of cargo.

E. V. D. PARK,
Chairman,
Shipping and Shipbuilding Sub-Committee.

MINING AND MINERALS.

It may be taken as an accepted fact that the Island of Hongkong is devoid of minerals of economic value, but such an assertion is by no means true of the New Territories.

In the Territories the following minerals have been discovered, viz.: Copper, silver-lead, tin, wolfram and iron, and a large amount of money has been spent in efforts to develop them. It is to be regretted that developments have not been satisfactory with the possible exception of an iron ore deposit. This deposit is of large extent and excellent quality, and may one day prove to be of inestimable benefit to the Colony. Its exploitation has been and is now being retarded by the absence of a suitable coke-making coal deposit. It is extremely doubtful if a suitable coal deposit exists within the Colony, or within reasonable distance of the iron, and the chances of the Colony ever being supplied with iron made from local ironstone and melted with coke produced from local coal are extremely remote.

Regarding the other minerals, the fact that previous attempts at development have not been encouraging does not necessarily postulate the absence of workable deposits. On the contrary, the knowledge of the existence of so many minerals prompts the belief that vigorous, intelligent and systematic prospecting might reveal ore occurrences of economic value. Such being the case, it appears to us that prospecting should be stimulated whenever and wherever possible.

Unfortunately, however, it is our opinion that the Mining Ordinances of the Colony, as at present constituted, tend to hinder prospecting rather than to encourage it. Here a Prospecting License costs \$1,000 per year. Compare this with the Malay States where a similar licence costs \$250 or with Australia where a Miners' Right, which costs \$5 per year, allows the holder to

(a) Take possession of and exclusively occupy any Crown Lands for mining purposes and mine there in.

(b) Have and possess any Gold or other Minerals found in such land whilst so occupied.

(c) Erect any building, structure, or machinery upon land so occupied and remove same at any time during such occupation.

(d) Occupy Crown Lands and construct and use thereon races, dams, reservoirs, roads and tramways for mining purposes.

(e) Erect any building, structure, or machinery upon land or streams situated in or flowing through Crown Lands not exempted from occupation under a Miners' Right, and use such water for mining and domestic purposes.

(f) Procure and remove for mining, smelting, building, or other purposes, any bark or live or dead timber, or any stone or gravel from any Crown Lands not exempted from occupation under a Miners' Right.

Again, the rent on a Mining Lease in this Colony amounts to \$3 per acre per year, plus \$50 per acre per year for all lands occupied by mine buildings, plant, etc. In Malay States the annual sum on a Mining Lease is \$1 per acre; in Australia it is 5s. per acre for minerals other than gold.

Then, too, all minerals produced within the Colony are subject to a Royalty not exceeding 5 per cent. of the estimated market value of the metal or mineral at the mine, when ready for exportation, or for smelting or reducing. Five per cent. is a very high rate indeed. Even in China the Mineral Products Tax is assessed at 14 per cent. of the value of the mineral at the point of production. But setting aside the question of the rate, we are of the opinion that the principle of taxing minerals at the mine is entirely wrong and consider that if a production tax is to be levied at all it should be levied on the net value of the ore; that is, the value after mining, transportation and treatment charges have been deducted.

We recommend, therefore:—

(1) That no charge be made for the right to prospect.

(2) That the rental on Mining Leases be reduced.

(3) That the payment of Royalty on ore mined be abolished, or, failing complete abolition, that the basis on which it is at present calculated be radically altered.

Whilst believing that the adoption of these recommendations will encourage prospecting and mining development, we are also of the opinion that any activity in this direction would be more likely to succeed if plans were based on known geological data. This data can only be ascertained and recorded by a trained geologist. We therefore recommend the Government to engage a geologist of repute to undertake a geological survey of the Colony without delay. The area to be examined is small and the investigation will not call for the expenditure of much time or money, but the results will justify the expenditure from the scientific standpoint alone.

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A meeting of the Legislative Council
was held in the Council Chamber at noon
yesterday. There were present:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (Sir
REGINALD EDWARD STUBBS, K.C.M.G.
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GENERAL OFFICER
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Hon. Mr. CLAUDE SEVERN, C.M.G. (Colonial
Secretary).

Hon. Mr. J. H. KEMP, K.C., C.B.E.
(Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. C. McI. MESSER, O.B.E.
(Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. E. A. IRVING (Director of
Education).

Hon. Mr. S. B. C. ROSS (Secretary for
Chinese Affairs).

Hon. Mr. T. L. PERKINS (Director of
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Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.

Hon. Mr. LUI CHU-PAN.

Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK.

Hon. Mr. HO FOK.

Hon. Mr. H. W. BIRD.

Hon. Mr. A. G. SWEET.

Mr. S. B. B. McLELLERY (Clerk of
Council).

NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. H. W. Bird and Mr. A. G. Stephen
having been recently appointed by H.E.
the Governor to be members of the
Legislative Council, took the prescribed
oath.

THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were
confirmed by the Council and signed.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR asked if there were
any notices of motion.

There was no response.

REPORTS, ETC.

By command of H.E. the Governor,
the COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table
the Regulations made by the Governor-
in-Council under section 3 (a) of the
Vehicle and Traffic Regulations Ordinance,
1912, as amended by the Vehicle
and Traffic Regulation Ordinance, 1921;
the By-laws made by the Governor-in-
Council under section 2 of the "Holt's
Wharf" Ordinance, 1921; the annual re-
port of the Director of the Royal Obser-
vatory for 1920, and the annual report
of the Land Officer for 1920.

FINANCE.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command
of H.E. the Governor, laid on the table
Finance Minutes Nos. 10 to 17, and
moved that they be referred to the
Finance Committee.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and
the motion was agreed to.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, also laid on
the table the Report of the Finance Co.
(No. 2) and moved that it be adopted.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and
the motion was agreed to.

REPORT ON BATHING FACILITIES.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command
of H.E. the Governor laid on the table
the report of the Committee of the
Council on bathing facilities and moved
that it be adopted.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: Does anyone wish
to say anything?

There being no response, the motion
was carried.

50 PER CENT INCREASE IN RATES.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, before mov-
ing the resolution which stands on the
Agenda in my name, and two other
resolutions which do not appear on the
Agenda paper—there is the same reason
for bringing forward these resolutions—
it will be convenient to the Council that
I should make a few remarks which apply
to the three resolutions generally. They are,
of course, brought forward with the
object of raising more revenue. It was
obvious when the Estimates of revenue
and expenditure were before the Council
last autumn that some measures would
have to be taken to make our revenue
and expenditure for 1921 balance
as nearly as possible. As the Esti-
mates stand, there is an estimated
deficit of \$2,012,300, but in draw-
ing up these Estimates the revenue from
stamps was reckoned on as \$1,000,000
more than would be brought in by the
stamp duties at their present level. Pro-
vision was made also for an increase in
the rates paid for buoys in the harbour,

and also a considerable increase in
revenue was expected from water. Since
there have been various causes for con-
siderable delay in bringing forward the
Bill for increasing the Stamp Duty, and
it is unlikely that the Bill will become
law before the end of this month, so that
out of the million it was proposed to
raise from that source probably a much
smaller sum will be available. Also, with
regard to water no measures have been
settled yet for increasing the revenue
from water and only a portion of the
sum that it was hoped to get will be
realised. As regards the buoys in the
harbour, the Governor has given a pledge
that for this year no increase will
be made in taxation on shipping,
although the amount of shipping visiting
the Port, or lying in the Port, is far
greater than in former years. It is possible
that the estimated sum of \$19,000 will be
realised without any increase in the
present rates. However, it will be
clear to hon. members from what I have
said that without any increase in taxa-
tion, beyond what has already been allow-
ed for, the estimated deficit of \$2,000,000
will be increased to something like
\$3,000,000. I should add that under the
heading of "Opium" we do not expect
that \$4,000,000 will be raised, so that the
deficit will be something like \$3,000,000, if
the total of all the expenditure estimated
for is all incurred, and no increase
is made in taxation. Having regard to
that position it has been decided to in-
crease certain taxes and these resolutions
which will be brought forward will pro-
vide for that. They refer to increases in
the Assessed Taxes, increases in liquor
duties and increases in tobacco duties.
The amount expected to be realised for
the portion of the year during which the
increased taxes will be collected is
about \$900,000. It is hoped—it is practi-
cally certain—that under "Expenditure,"
there will be considerable savings under
certain heads, which may amount to
\$900,000, so that with the taxes which
will be collected under the resolutions,
together with the savings in expenditure,
it is expected that the deficit by the
end of the year will probably be about
\$1,300,000.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: Would the Coun-
cil be willing to take the resolution as
read?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY: If the Coun-
cil will take the resolutions as read, the
Colonial Treasurer will explain the
re-arrangement of the assessed taxes
and I will explain the changes in the
tobacco duties and the liquor duties.
The text of the resolutions is rather long.
H.E. THE GOVERNOR: I understand the
Council agrees to the resolution being
taken as read.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY: Then I beg
to move the resolution that is on the
Agenda under section 31 (1) of the Rating
Ordinance 1901.

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Un and Fuk Tsin Hing (i.e.,
Kowloon Marine Lots Nos. 20,
28 and 33) and the remaining por-
tion of Shaikwan Road as far
as and including Inland Lot No.
1,300 and in the remaining por-
tions of Shaikwan East and
West, Tsing Shui Ma Tau, Po
Kau Wat and Sai Wan Ho (Tai
Foo Street, etc.), and in Kowloon
City or more particularly in the
areas edged blue on the said plans
marked A and B:—

from present percentages to 17½%
(e.)—In Broadwood Road Nos. 4 to 21
or more particularly in the area
edged green on the said plan
marked A:—

from present percentages to 13½%
(f.)—In To Kwa Wan, Tai Po Road
(New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 33
and New Kowloon Farm Lot No.
9):—

from present percentages to 14½%
(g.)—In the remaining portions of the
Hill District and in Wong Nei
Chung, Sookanpo, Kwai Chun
Long, Quarry Bay, Sai Wan Ter-
race, Aberdeen, Mongkok and Ma
Tau Wei or more particularly in
the areas edged yellow on the said
plans marked A and B:—

from present percentages to 13%
(h.)—In any other place:—

from 7% to 10%

The COLONIAL TREASURER: In seconding
the resolution I take the opportunity for
informing hon. members of the way in
which the various percentages appearing
in the resolution have been fixed. The
basis of the system has been to allot cer-
tain percentages to certain services, the
total of such percentages being the per-
centage payable. The services taken for
this purpose have been the Police, Fire
Brigade, Water and Lighting. At present
Police is taken at 8½ per cent., re-
duced to 7 per cent. in outlying districts;
Fire Brigade at 1 per cent.; Water at
2 per cent. and Lighting at 1½ per cent.,
making a maximum of 13 per cent. In
the last few years the cost of these and
other services has greatly increased and
the necessity for an increase in revenue
has arisen. During the war an extra 7
per cent. was added all round, and the
money received therefrom paid to Im-
perial Funds. This increase was, how-
ever, temporary and ceased on the ter-
mination of the war. In increasing the
assessed taxes it seems more equitable to
follow the system that has stood the test
of time and adjust the increases accord-
ing to certain services received, rather
than to add a fixed percentage all round.

In the resolution that is before this
Hon. Council the existing system has
been retained, but the percentages allotted
to the various services increased as
follows:—

Police from 8½ per cent. to 13 per cent.;
in outlying districts from 7 per cent.
to 10 per cent.

Fire Brigade from 1 per cent. to 1½
per cent.

Water from 2 per cent. to 3 per cent.

Lighting from 1½ per cent. to 2½
per cent.

Making a maximum of 20 per cent.,
against a previous maximum of 13
per cent.

The increase of Revenue should be
about 1,000,000 a year.

The resolution was put and passed
nem. con.

INCREASED LIQUOR DUTIES.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY: I beg to
move the resolution made under the
provisions of Section 41 (1) of the
Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911,
and Ordinance 9 of 1911. I will explain
to the Council the figures that appear in
the resolutions about the increases. On all
brandies and liquors the increase is from
\$0 to \$10 a gallon; whisky, gin, rum and
other spirituous liquors, \$4 to \$6;
champagnes and other sparkling liquors,
\$4 to \$10; port, sherry and madeira,
\$3 to \$4; still wines in bottle, \$2 to \$3;
other still wines in wood, \$1.50 to \$2.50;
all other intoxicating liquors, 30 cents
to 40 cents; all spirits of wine and
arrack, \$4 to \$8 a gallon. The other
figures for native liquors under (a) the
increase is to 60 cents from 40 cents;
(b) 80 cents was formerly 50 cents;
(c) \$1 was formerly 60 cents; under
(d) \$1.20 is at present 80 cents; (e) \$1.50
was \$1; and (f) 20 cents instead of 10.
I may point out certain changes in
clause (9). After Hongkong, New Kow-
loon "or Cheung Chau" is added in
three places where the names occur.
Under clause (3) the rates are 8 and 7
cents in place of 6 and 5 cents.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded,
and the resolution was carried.

THE RESOLUTION

The resolution dealing with liquors
duties was in the following terms:—

Resolved that on and after the 7th day
of April, 1921, the duties payable upon
intoxicating liquors heretofore or here-
after imported into, distilled, made or
prepared in the Colony shall be as
follows, namely:—

On all brandy and
liqueurs \$10.00 per gallon.

On all whisky, gin, rum,
and other spirituous
liquors 8.00

On all champagnes and
other sparkling wines 10.00

On all port, sherry, and
madeira 4.00

On all other still wines
in bottle 3.00

On all other still wines
in wood 2.50

On all other intoxicat-
ing liquors excepting
spirits of wine and
native wines and spirits 0.40

On all spirits of wine
and arrack 8.00

On all native wines and spirits:—

(a.) \$0.60 cents a gallon on the native
liquors known as Liu Pun and
Sheung Ching and on the following
sweetened, prepared, and medicat-
ed wines:—

No Mai Tsui, Huk No Mai, Moa
Kau, Yuk Lan, Ning Mun Tsui,
Tsing Mui, Muk Kwa, Sun
Fung, Wu Tsui, Shui Li Tsui,
Shan Kat, Lung San Tsui, Tai
Kuk, Sam Pin, Tit Ta, Fung
Shap, and Wai Shang.

All such liquor shall contain not
more than 25 per cent. of
alcohol by weight.

(b.) \$0.60 cents a gallon on the native
liquor known as San Ching, con-
taining not more than 33 per cent.
of alcohol by weight.

(c.) \$1.00 a gallon on the native liquor
known as Fa Tsui and on the
following sweetened, prepared, or
medicated wines:—

Ng Ka Pei, Mui Kwai Lo, Sz
Kwok, Kung, Fu Kwat Muk
Kwa, Yun Chan Lo, and Ko
Leung Kon.

All such liquor shall contain not
more than 45 per cent. of alcohol
by weight.

(d.) \$1.20 a gallon on the native liquor
known as Fan Tsui, if containing
50 per cent. or under of alcohol
by weight, with the addition of
six cents for every one per centum
between 50 per cent. and 55 per
cent. of alcohol by weight.

(e.) \$1.00 a gallon with the addition
of ten cents for every one per
centum above 55 per cent. of
alcohol by weight on any native
liquor containing above 55 per
cent. of alcohol by weight.

(f.) \$0.20 cents per gallon on all
native liquor distilled in the New
Territories, not including New
Kowloon and the Island of Cheung
Chau, for consumption in the said
Territories.

Further resolved that:—

(1.) On native wines and spirits de-
clared or labelled as belonging to
any of the above divisions, the
appropriate duty therein laid
down shall be paid, except that
on any native liquor however
declared or labelled found by the
Government Analyst or such
person as the Governor may from
time to time appoint in that be-
half to contain more alcohol than
is permitted in the division to
which it is declared or labelled as
belonging there shall be paid the
appropriate duty of the division
in which the amount of alcohol
found has placed it: each division
in such case shall represent native
liquor of the limit of strength in
alcohol therein stated and respec-
tively of any definition or de-
scription of such liquor, and on
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sion in which the amount of
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Analyst or such person as the
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appoint on that behalf has placed
it.

(2.) Stills in the New Territories (not
including New Kowloon and the
Island of Cheung Chau) shall be
prohibited from sending liquor
produced in these stills to Hong-
kong, New Kowloon, or Cheung
Chau: provided that any licensee
of a distillery who desires to send
such liquor to Hongkong, New
Kowloon, or Cheung Chau may be
granted a permit to do so, upon
payment of the duties charged in
Hongkong, New Kowloon, or
Cheung Chau.

(3.) On intoxicating liquors, other than
spirits of wine, arrack, and native
wines and spirits, stored in a
general bonded or licensed ware-
house at the date of the passing
of this resolution, imported into,
distilled, made, or prepared in
the Colony above the strength of
18deg. under proof there shall be
paid an additional duty of 8 cents
for every degree above such
strength in the case of brandy, and
of 7 cents for every degree above
such strength in the case of any
other liquor.

The resolution made by the Legislative
Council under the provisions of Section
41 (1) of the Liquors Consolidation Ordi-
nance, 1911, on the 1st day of March,
1910, and published in the Gazette of the
said 1st day of March, 1910, as Govern-
ment Notification No. 20, is hereby can-
celled.

INCREASED TOBACCO DUTIES.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: I beg to move the resolution that is in the hands of hon. members, under the provisions of Section 7 of the Tobacco Ordinance.

THE RESOLUTION.

Resolved that on and after the 7th day of April, 1921, the duties payable upon tobacco heretofore or hereafter imported into or manufactured in the Colony shall be as follows, namely:—

- (a.) Cigars valued at not less than \$2.50 per lb. and not less than \$1.50 per lb. 1.50
- (b.) Cigars valued at less than \$2.50 per lb. and not less than \$1.50 per lb. 1.50
- (c.) Tobacco and cigarettes valued at not less than \$1.50 per lb. 1.50
- (d.) Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes valued at less than \$1.50 per lb. and not less than \$1.10 per lb. 0.70
- (e.) Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes valued at less than \$1.10 per lb. and not less than 60 cents per lb. 0.50
- (f.) Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes of any other kind not herein otherwise provided for 0.30

The Resolution made by the Legislative Council on the 3rd day of August, 1916, under the provisions of Section 7 of the Tobacco Ordinance, 1916, Ordinance No. 10 of 1916, and published in the Gazette on the 14th day of August, 1916, as Government Notification No. 349 is hereby cancelled.

The Colonial Secretary said: I may point out that the changes are:—

- (a) the present \$1.50 raised to \$2.50
- (b) " 0.70 " 1.50
- (c) " 0.70 " 1.50
- (d) " 0.30 " 0.70
- (e) " 0.30 " 0.50
- (f) " 0.10 " 0.30

The Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: In regard to the extra duties, I take it, it is not the intention of the Government to alter its policy; in other words, the policy of the freedom of the port is maintained. When these duties were first imposed, it was understood that passengers landing in this port should not be molested by searches, as this would mean a large increase in the number of port officers, and the freedom of the port would be interfered with. I take it, the old policy will be maintained in connection with the new duties.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: No change in the present policy of the port is intended, though, of course, if the increase resulted in a large amount of smuggling, it might be necessary to reconsider that.

The resolution was carried.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C., asked the following question:—Did the Secretary of State give any, and if so what, reason in his despatch on Constitutional Reform for "not being convinced that any change is desirable?"

The Colonial Secretary: The answer is in the negative.

THE ADJOURNMENT.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: I propose the Council adjourn till this day week. I am sorry I am compelled to be away. The question is whether 13 o'clock or 2.30 suits hon. members best. The meeting is not likely to be a long one.

The Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: I think 2.30 is a much more suitable time.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: If nobody has a distinct preference for 12 I suggest the Council adjourn to 2.30 p.m. on the 14th April.

The Council adjourned accordingly.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held immediately after the adjournment of the Council, the Colonial Secretary presiding.

TYPEWRITERS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$25 in aid of the Public Works Establishment, Special Expenditure, Typewriter.

The CHAIRMAN: Typewriters have been purchased for the Public Works Department and the amount provided in the estimate was not sufficient, so this small amount is asked for.

Approved.

A RAILWAY VOTE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$5,200 in aid of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, Maintenance of Way and Works, Personal Emoluments.

The CHAIRMAN: This sum is required for the salary of Mr. Fenwick, an additional engineer of the Railway Department. His salary is £700 a year, with \$100 a month house allowance.

Approved.

KOWLOON BRITISH SCHOOL.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$200 in aid of the vote Education, Special Expenditure, Department of Director of Education, Equipment, of Kowloon British School, (Furniture and Materials).

The CHAIRMAN: The numbers at the Kowloon British School have increased greatly and it has been necessary to indent at once for maps, books and other material for the school because there is not enough of these things. The present vote is \$3,000 and this provision will be exceeded by \$298.34, so we are on the safe side in asking for \$200.

Approved.

THE WANCHAI GAP APPROACH ROAD.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$3,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, branch road, from road contouring hillside in Wanchai and Tai Hang Valleys, to Wanchai Gap.

The CHAIRMAN: There was a sum of \$7,500 set aside in last year's estimate for surfacing this branch road with asphaltum. Only one coating could be put on before the end of the year. This is in the nature of the re-vote to complete the second coating.

The Hon. Mr. POLLOCK: Is this a motor road?

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: Yes.

Approved.

INCREASED SUBSCRIPTION TO IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$3,000 in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services, Grant in aid of other Institutions, Imperial Institute.

The CHAIRMAN: The Government has agreed to increase its annual subscription to the Imperial Institute from £125 to £500 a year, and this sum is now required.

Approved.

MORE SHIPS' BUOYS WANTED.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$99,000 in aid of the vote Harbour Department, A.—Harbour Office, Other Charges, purchase of buoys and moorings.

The CHAIRMAN: The number of ships visiting the port, and a certain number lying here for periods, make it necessary to increase the number of buoys, of 2 A class and 4 B class with the necessary anchors and cables. This sum is the amount required for doing that.

Approved.

TSMISHATSUI POLICE STATION.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$2,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Buildings, Tsmishatsui Police Station.

The CHAIRMAN: This sum is required, among other things, for the supply and fixing of three goysers. There was an unexpended balance of \$789 on the buildings, and to that extent this is a re-vote.

Approved.

POKFULUM ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$7,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, Roads, Pokfulum Road Improvements.

The CHAIRMAN: This is for widening a portion of the Pokfulum Road from the junction of Victoria Road to Aberdeen Docks. A supplementary vote of \$15,000 was provided for this, but owing to the large amount of rock-work it was found insufficient and this \$7,000 is required to complete the work.

Approved.

THE BANDMAN OPERA CO.

The ability to present a new Comedy or Revue each evening during their stay in Hongkong, speaks volumes for the versatility of the Bandman Company. Last night "Irene" was staged and an enjoyable time provided for the full house present. Members of the cast again did well in the parts allotted to them, personal triumphs being achieved by Miss Dolly Prince as Irene, and Messrs. Eric Masters and Jack Crichton. The theme of the piece was intensely interesting and certainly unique in Comedy plots. Songs were tuneful and dances good. Dressing and scenery were again a prominent feature of the production. To-night "Going up" will be given.

The management of the Company much regret they are unable, in response to numerous requests, to extend their present phenomenal season, as the Company must positively leave for Shanghai on Tuesday, April 12th, but Mr. Bandman has much pleasure in announcing that he has arranged for the Company to re-visit Hongkong at an early date.

FUTURE OF HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

HONORARY DEGREE FOR DR. G. P. JORDAN.

A special Congregation of the University of Hongkong was held yesterday afternoon when the Vice-Chancellor, Sir William Brunyate, K.C.M.G., was inaugurated, and the degree of Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*) was conferred on Professor G. P. Jordan, M.B., C.M., M.R.C.S.

The Senate entered the great hall—in which a large number of visitors, graduates, and undergraduates had already assembled—in the following order:—

PROCESSION.

His Excellency the Chancellor (Sir Reginald Stubbs, K.C.M.G.); The Mace Bearer; Prof. G. P. Jordan, M.B., C.M., M.R.C.S.; The Vice-Chancellor, The Treasurer; The Dean, Medical Faculty; The Dean, Engineering Faculty; The Dean, Arts Faculty; The Registrar; The Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, Right Rev. Bishop Ponson; H.E. Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, His Honour H. H. Gompertz; Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp; Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp; Hon. Mr. Ho Fook; Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak; Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer; Mr. G. T. Edkins; Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Sir Robert Ho Tung; Hon. Mr. S. B. C. Ross, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; Sir Ellis Kadoorie, Mr. Chau Siu Ki; Hon. Mr. W. H. Bird, Mr. S. W. To; Mr. Ho Kwong, Rev. E. L. Martin; Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce, Dr. C. Forsyth; Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. C. W. McKenny; Prof. G. T. Byrne, Prof. D. C. H. Florence; Prof. L. Forster, Prof. C. Y. Wang; Mr. M. P. Talbot, Mr. R. K. M. Simpson; Mr. R. W. Kotewall, Mr. Chow Shou Son; Mr. J. H. R. Freckhorn, Mr. M. H. Roffey; Mr. J. Ring, Mr. R. Robertson; Mr. R. W. Barney, Mr. M. Danaher; Mr. Lai Chi Hai, Mr. Au Tai Tin; Dr. J. Fenton, Mr. B. G. Birch.

The Registrar (Dr. Teesdale Macintosh) read the resolution of appointment of Sir William Brunyate as Vice-Chancellor, and when Sir William, on the invitation of the Chancellor, took his seat, he was accorded by the undergraduates a true Chinese welcome. Crackers were fired in the gallery and at the back of the hall; gongs were beaten, and the clamour for some moments was reminiscent of Shetkongsui during China New Year. As the cracker firing ceased there floated with the odour of gunpowder the strains of the University Anthem, played by the band of the Wiltshire Regiment. The Vice-Chancellor then delivered his inaugural address.

SIR WILLIAM BRUNYATE'S ADDRESS.

The Vice-Chancellor said:—Mr. Chancellor, Ladies and Gentlemen,—It is with the utmost diffidence that I rise for the first time to address this University as its Vice-Chancellor. In the first place, I have very present to my mind the personality of my predecessor. In Sir Charles Elliott the University was fortunate to obtain as its first Vice-Chancellor a more than erudite scholar, a trained diplomatist and an experienced administrator and educationalist. Men stood aghast at the facility with which he acquired a new language and, if I may be permitted to add, they stood no less aghast at the facility with which he devised a new academic costume. (Laughter.) His task had not been without its moments of stress, but when the war came he was found an Imperial asset in the Far East. If I am conscious of my unworthiness to follow in such footsteps, I would at least plead that it is only by the most fortunate accident that the University can hope to obtain a Vice-Chancellor to whom the post is a stepping stone to an Embassy.

My next reason is that it is only a week-to-day since I landed in Hongkong. It is very difficult, in London, to acquire any information as to Hongkong University politics. Even as to the duties of my future post I was only able to learn that the Vice-Chancellor has such powers and duties as may be assigned to him by the Council. I believe that the Council has as yet taken no decision in the matter. (Laughter.) Since my arrival I have come to feel that the principal duty of a Vice-Chancellor is to be a repository of information and of opinions, usually conflicting, as to the University, its past, its present and its future, its objects and its possibilities. The process is a very delightful one—(laughter)—but in an intensive form it scarcely makes for immediate mental clarity. I trust, then, that anything

about to say may be regarded only as a first attempt to sort out the different views pressed upon me and the impressions left up my mind.

And the first thing that was borne in upon me, your Excellency, was that the academic waters were still troubled by a ground swell which seemed to argue a storm of some sort in the not very remote past. I understand, in fact, that the University in all its aspects was, a few months ago, the subject of a good deal of criticism. Now I hope we shall always welcome criticism, and I trust that we shall not really complain if we sometimes think it ill-informed or ill-founded. But here, it seems to me, the re-appointment of a permanent Vice-Chancellor may have its utility. If criticism there is to be, let it be levelled at him, leaving the teaching members of the staff—who, during and since the war, have been doing excellent work in the face of very great difficulties—to carry on that work in that academic calm which is their natural atmosphere.—(Applause.)

RAPID EXPANSION PREDICTED.

Closely connected, your Excellency, with these controversies to which I have just alluded, was, of course, the appointment of a commission, presided over by the Hon. Mr. Sharp. I have seen most of the material collected by that Commission, or placed before it, and I think it my duty to express to the members of that Commission, and particularly to its Chairman, the very deep sense of indebtedness the University is under to them for their labours. (Applause.) Taking the lesson of their recommendations, as interpreted by the Government notifications on the subject, it appears to me that not only is the University doing excellent work at present in all its faculties, but that if it is to rise to its full opportunities rapid expansion in all directions is to be looked for, and the money necessary for the purpose must be found. Certain sums have already been collected and it is my privilege to announce to-day that Mr. Mok Kon Shing, the compradore of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, has presented us with \$20,000 in cash for the General Endowment Fund of the University. (Loud applause.) I am sure, your Excellency, that you would wish me to express here, publicly, the gratitude of the University for that very liberal donation. It is not the first, and I trust will be followed by many others. The view I have just expressed as to the Commission appears in fact to have been taken, prior to that date, by those responsible for the conduct of the University's affairs, and they appear to have embarked upon a programme of expansion before the necessary monies were available. I happen myself to have been the head of a financial department and I am alive to all the financial objections to such a procedure, but, speaking as a private individual, one cannot but admire the courage of those men, and I rather doubt whether there is any other procedure by which it would have been possible so early to obtain from a liberal Government a further endowment.—(laughter)—exceeding in amount the total resources with which the University was first launched on its career.—(Applause)—I am able, your Excellency, to say that a repetition of anything of the kind has been effectively prevented by the foundation of a Finance Committee, with exceptionally wide powers. We have no reason to regret the appointment of that committee. The members are just the men with whom we would wish to discuss our finances and, conscious in advance of their sympathy for any programme of sound expansion, I look to them in the future as a powerful lever for obtaining further monies both from the Colonial Government and from private benefactors in sympathy with our objects. If I put this question of expansion in the forefront it is not because, in a sense, it happens to be the line of least resistance; but because I am thoroughly convinced that it is necessary. We are under a big debt of gratitude to the founders of this University, but it is clear that they in no way realised, and perhaps fortunately so, what they were committing us to. I don't know whether any here present are students of Professor Stephen Leacock, a man who has shown us that academic distinction is quite consistent with appreciation of the underlying humour of life. I well remember in one of his books he speaks of a University in one-half of which the faculties in palatial buildings were awaiting their equipment, while in the other half an almost redundant equipment was housed in totally inadequate quarters. Such a position might be the best means of appealing to the sympathy of possible donors.

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NOTICE.

THE TABAQUERIA FILIPINA beg to inform the Public that, notwithstanding the largely increased duties on Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes, which come into force to-day, the PRICES at their Store WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED until MONDAY night next, the 11th inst.

TABAQUERIA FILIPINA,
Queen's Road, Central.
Hongkong, April 7th, 1921. [773]

HONGKONG DOG, CAT, POULTRY AND PIGEON SHOW.

A MEETING of those interested in the above will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co's Office on MONDAY next, April 11th, at 5.30 p.m., to elect a working Committee for the Show and any other business.

B. L. FROST,
Hon. Secretary. [768]

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION.

A SMOKING CONCERT will be held in the Royal Artillery Theatre, Victoria Barracks, at 9 p.m., on SATURDAY, April 9th.

All Past and Present Members of the Royal Artillery are cordially invited. [769]

ROYAL ARTILLERY ATHLETIC SPORTS.

THE ROYAL ARTILLERY are holding their ANNUAL REGIMENTAL SPORTS on THURSDAY, April 14th, 1921, at the United Services Recreation Club Ground, Kowloon, commencing at 2 p.m. Ladies, Colonials, W. Loring, C.M.G., D.E.O., and Officers Royal Artillery, will be "At Home" and hope their friends will accept this as an invitation. [770]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM JAPAN.

THE Steamship

"NAMSANG" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained. Goods not cleared by the 15th Apr., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Hongkong, April 6th, 1921. [771]

S.S. "AMAZON"

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NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from MARSEILLE in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed, and stored at their risk, into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon To-day requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after the 15th April, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 15th April, or they will not be recognized. All damaged packages will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th April, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

E. BODENFUSER,
Acting Agent. [772]

BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

On SATURDAY, APRIL 9th.

At the Victoria Recreation Club.

A. J. OSMUND v. P. YANOVITCH.

Game of 1000 up in 2 Sessions, at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

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E. C. WITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary. [764]

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INTIMATIONS

COMMISSION TO ENQUIRE INTO THE INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN.

THE COMMISSION will be glad to hear evidence or to receive suggestions from any person who may be interested in the INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN. Communications should be addressed to—

THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION,
Secretariat of Chinese Affairs,
Hongkong.
By Order of the Commission. [760]

NOTICE.

THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING hopes that all BRITONS who served in the War, and who are now in Civil life in Hongkong, will meet in his Office at VICTORIA BARRACKS at 5.30 p.m., on FRIDAY, April 15th, 1921, to consider a matter of common interest. [743]

NOTICE.

THE HO HONG STEAMSHIP CO., LTD. OF SINGAPORE, the owner of the Steamship "HONG WAN I," are prepared to negotiate for the SALE OF THE WRECK of that Ship, as she now lies beached near Bell Island near Swatow, together with the Engines, Boilers and all appurtenances at present on board. Full particulars may be obtained on application at the Office of the Company at No. 61, KING STREET, SINGAPORE, or at No. 28, WING LOK STREET, HONGKONG. [768]

NANYO YUSEN KAISHA.

THE above Company having established its own Branch Office at this port as from this date, the undersigned will CEASE to act as Agents.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, April 1st, 1921. [763]

NANYO YUSEN KAISHA.

WE have this Day Opened a BRANCH OFFICE of the Company at No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL and our Agency Agreement with Messrs. DODWELL & Co., Ltd., will accordingly lapse.

NANYO YUSEN KAISHA, LTD.
Hongkong, April 1st, 1921. [764]

THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LTD., COPENHAGEN.

WE have today taken over the Agency of the above, and shall be glad to quote rates of freight and passage on application.

MANNERS & BACKHOUSE, LTD.,
Mercantile Bank Building,
7 Queen's Road, Central.
Hongkong, March 31st, 1921. [767]

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held in the Pavilion of the Club on THURSDAY, the 14th of April, 1921, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of submitting the following resolutions—

1. That the present Hongkong Cricket Club be wound up, and the Committee be authorized to take all necessary steps for that purpose.

2. That the Committee be authorized to register a Company limited by guarantee not exceeding \$100 per member, on the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association which will be submitted to the Meeting.

3. That the Committee be authorized to assign and hand over to the new Company, when registered, all the assets of the Club.

Should the proposed resolutions be passed at this Meeting, a subsequent confirmatory Meeting will be called.

Copies of the proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association may be seen by Members at the Pavilion.

By Order of the Committee,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary. [761]

HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in the United Kingdom.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY, Limited, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of April, 1921, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

By Order of the Board,
W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary. [761]

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REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

CABARET DINNER DANCE.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9th.

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Soprano

GEMS FROM POPULAR MASTERPIECES

SUNG IN ITALIAN AND ENGLISH.

SUNDAY, AFTERNOON,

SEMI-SACRED CONCERT. [765]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1921.

THE ANNUAL SPORTS in connection with the HONGKONG SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1921, will be held on FRIDAY, APRIL 22nd, on the Race Course commencing at 1.30 p.m.

The Registrar of the University will distribute the trophies.

Entries must be made on or before MONDAY, APRIL 11th.

A. J. S. STEARN,
Hon. Secretary. [762]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 11th day of April, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Legend Road Extension in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No.	Area	Boundary Measurements	Contents	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
2	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
3	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
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No. of No.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Acres	Square Feet	Annual Rental.
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			feet.	feet.	feet.	feet.			
18	1014	East of Union Island, Lak. No. 1108, Mile Street, New Haven.	As per sale plan.				0.450	10	

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH AMSTERDAM AGENCY.]

COAL STRIKE CRISIS.
NO MEETING OF OWNERS.

LONDON, April 7th.

The conference between the Premier and the miners' Executive lasted an hour and a half and then broke down. The hoped-for meeting of the owners' representatives will not take place.

NEGOTIATIONS BREAK DOWN AGAIN.

LATER.

The conference between the Premier and miners' Executive broke down because the miners were unable to agree to instruct pumpmen to return to work, on the ground that this would amount to a complete surrender of their bargaining powers.

MINERS' DEMAND: SITUATION, MOST GRAVE.

LATER.

The miners also demanded the re-establishment of the national profits pool and the national wages basis as the condition for re-opening negotiations, but the Premier said that the Government was unable to accede to the demand.

The miners' Executive, then, returned to their headquarters.

There will be a full conference of the Triple Alliance this afternoon.

The situation is regarded as most grave in Trade Union quarters.

WAR-TIME ATMOSPHERE: PUBLIC ALARM.

LATER.

Though the resumption of coal negotiations is still confidently expected there is a distinct war-time atmosphere. People have been rushing to buy flour, cereals and tinned foods, despite official warning. The Dora regulations will be applied to prevent hoarding, as there are ample stocks of food in the country, and the Government has organised a special system of transport, especially paying attention to supplies of milk for mothers and children.

Movements of troops are proceeding, but they are kept most secret, while destroyers have been ordered to ports where trouble in connection with bunkering of ships may be expected in the event of a strike.

EARLIER CABLES.

QUESTION OF PUMPEN'S RETURN.

LONDON, April 6th.

In the House of Commons, when the coal debate was renewed, Mr. Lloyd George intervened announcing, amid cheers, the receipt of letters from the mineowners and the miners' associations agreeing to resume negotiations. The letter of the mineowners' President assumed that if the miners agreed to meet the owners, they would have taken steps to ensure that the collieries are kept free from water.

HITCH IN NEGOTIATIONS.

LATER.

Mr. Lloyd George announced in the House that hitch had occurred in the proposed resumption of negotiations, as the miners' Federation refused to instruct the pumpmen to resume work during the negotiations, consequently it was impossible for negotiations to be resumed unless the obstacle could be overcome. Mr. Lloyd George reiterated his statement cabled yesterday as to the conditions on which the Government was ready to promote negotiations. Mr. Lloyd George appealed to members, especially those who influenced the Miners' Federation, to induce the Federation to reconsider its decision as regards the pumpmen. It might be due to misunderstanding. Naturally the pumpmen would resume on the old wages without prejudice to the proposed negotiations, which could not begin while the mines were being flooded, as the discussions were bound to take some time. Many mines were seriously damaged already, and others were suffering damage. The officials were doing their best, but in some cases were being obstructed. The Premier urged that there was nothing derogatory for the Federation to give the pumpmen the necessary instruction, so that ultimately the mines would be available to miners, owners, and the nation.

Mr. Duncan Graham, who is an advanced member of the Federation, replied that they were not prepared nor had they the power to withdraw particular instructions issued to the pumpmen. The Government wanted the Federation to allow individuals to be employed to defeat the miners. A real status quo would be all the miners going back. If the Premier offered that the Federation would consider it, but they were not to have the advantages all on one side. He would urge everybody to fight as bitterly as possible against an attempt to force back upon them the conditions of 1914.

Ultimately, Mr. Lloyd George stated that he could not believe that the refusal represented the final determination of the Federation that, while they were sitting at a table to discuss a national settlement of wages, the mines were to be gradually destroyed. He again asked for the good offices of Mr. Clynnes and others. He (Mr. Lloyd George) was prepared to meet the Miners' Executive to discuss the matter, but meanwhile there was nothing to discuss between the owners and miners.

The Emergency Regulations were adopted by 270 votes to 60.

PREMIER'S INVITATION TO MINERS' EXECUTIVE.

LATER.

Despite the hitch in the resumption of the coal negotiations, hopes are expressed that the miners and owners can be brought together to-morrow. It is believed in Parliamentary quarters that the conditions as regards the safety of the mines is not unreasonable, and that the miners should be able to put themselves into line with public opinion by conceding the return of the pumpmen.

In the meanwhile, the only hopeful feature in the situation is that Mr. Lloyd George to-night asked the Miners' Executive to meet him to-morrow, hence to-morrow promises to be a critical day. It is understood that the railwaymen are not committed definitely to a strike, and if negotiations can be re-opened the Triple Alliance will doubtless suspend action.

IMPRESSIONS OF CITY MEN.

LONDON, April 8th.

The seriousness of the industrial outlook impressed City men travelling from the suburbs this morning, when they found train services much curtailed. Later, they read in the evening papers accounts of further rioting and intimidation, especially in Scotland, and discovered that Kensington Gardens had been transformed into an armed camp and occupied by four battalions of the Guards. Hence there was a sigh of relief when it was announced that both the miners and coal-owners' associations had agreed to Mr. Lloyd George's proposal to renew negotiations.

This disconcerted the anxiously-awaited decision of the Triple Alliance, which assembled after separate meetings of the Transport Workers and the Railwaymen, and Mr. Thomas, in fact, announced after the meeting of the Alliance that decisions as to how best to assist the miners had been deferred.

IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS.

LONDON, April 7th.

A definite expectation now prevails that negotiations will be begun immediately. Several of the miners' leaders are known to be doubting the wisdom of keeping out of the pumpmen on account of the alienation of public sympathy, nevertheless, they are unable to agree to the men's return, because it is feared that the miners in many cases may refuse to instructions to sacrifice the most potent weapon, but once negotiations have been opened and a conciliatory spirit demonstrated on all sides the leaders will be in a better position to call on their followers. The Finance Committee of the Association is already preparing a new scheme of wages, based on improvement in the lower-paid districts, also probably offering an all-round increase based on output.

A New York message shows that American manufacturers are seizing the opportunity to capture European markets. In consequence of enquiries from Scandinavia, Italy, and South Africa, the coal market is stiffening and coal freights are rising.

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE.

PROGRESS IN DRAFTING CONVENTION.

BARCELONA, April 7th.

The International Communications Conference is rapidly progressing in the drafting of a Convention. It has been decided that signatories to the Convention enjoy rights in recognised river ports equal to those of the riverain States themselves, providing that goods in transit are consigned from and to the signatory countries. Moreover, there will be no discrimination between the various nations as regards Customs duties, except with special justification.

INCREASE OF FRENCH CUSTOMS DUTIES.

PROTECTION AGAINST COUNTRIES WITH DEBASED CURRENCY.

PARIS, April 4th.

A substantial increase in Customs duties on goods entering French territory is being announced to protect French industries against competition from countries whose exchange is now debased.

LYONS FAIR.

PARIS, April 4th.

The International Fair promises to be a complete success. A large number of visitors are arriving daily from nearly every country in Europe, also from America and North Africa. Exhibitors number 2,300, of whom 115 are British firms.

LATEST CABLES.

UNITED STATES' PROTEST ABOUT YAP.

RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN PEACE SETTLEMENT.

WASHINGTON, April 7th.

The Government has sent similar Notes to Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, it is understood, dealing not only with the question of mandates, but covering all American rights arising from the war.

The Notes reiterate the right of the United States to participate in the peace settlements, and refer specifically to the case of the island of Yap.

They state that the Government of the United States must insist that it has lost no right or interest in the island as it existed prior to any action on the part of the Supreme Council or the League of Nations, and it cannot recognise the allocation of the island or the validity of the mandate given to Japan over it.

MANDATES AND THE LEAGUE.

SIR ERIC DRUMMOND'S STATEMENT.

LONDON, April 7th.

In the course of a statement as regards the League's allocation and approval of mandates, Sir Eric Drummond declared that the League had no power to vary the mandates' expenditure, nor to prohibit the submission of the mandates to the mandatory's Parliaments before acceptance. The latter was a constitutional question, determinable by individual mandatories.

RADIUM DANGER.

EMINENT SURGEON'S WARNING.

LONDON, April 7th.

A Paris message says that a profound impression has been caused among the Paris surgeons by the warning issued by the prominent surgeon Tuffier, pointing out the effect of radium which so injuriously affects the genital glands that women employed in laboratories to clean out glasses, which contained radium solutions, cannot long be retained, because they eventually suffer from affections of the ovaries. Tuffier is carrying out research in the question, and he warns against the use of radium operations, where it is necessary to preserve the reproductive powers.

ATTACHMENT OF RUSSIAN GOODS.

SOVIETS BRING TEST CASE.

LONDON, April 7th.

A consignment of timber to Hull will shortly form the subject of a test case in the King's Bench. The case is brought by the Soviets, in order to settle the question of attachment of Russian goods and gold, which is at present hanging up the trade agreement.

KARL BACK IN LUCERNE.

AFTER FIVE HOURS' DETENTION AT BRUCK.

LUCERNE, April 7th.

Karl has arrived here after a detention of five hours at Bruck, owing to the hostile attitude of Austrian railwaymen.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

ANOTHER DRAWN GAME.

HAVANA, April 7th.

The ninth game in the world's chess championship between Capablanca and Lasker ended in a draw.

OBITUARY.

NICK, April 7th.

The death is announced of Admiral Edmund Poe, who was attached to Prince Arthur of Connaught's Funeral and Garter Mission to Japan in 1912.

NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE.

WASHINGTON, April 7th.

Mr. Myron T. Herrick has been appointed again Ambassador to France.

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FUTURE OF HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

UNIVERSITY.

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I do not believe that anything of the kind has been consciously done in this University, but I do suspect it has not been realised how closely personnel, buildings and equipment are linked together, so that an increase in any one of them involves consequent increases in all the rest. Thanks to the generosity of Chinese citizens of this Colony, we have recently been fortunate enough to obtain most excellent buildings for physiology, pathology and tropical medicine. Their equipment now remains to be considered. (Applause.)—Since the war we have created what is practically a Faculty of Education. We are committed by the recommendations of the Sharp Commission to what is practically a Faculty of Commerce. The minimum staff necessary has already been appointed, or is in process of appointment. The staff is only the beginning of the Faculty. Another recommendation of the Sharp Commission is that further workshops are necessary in the Faculty of Engineering, and all that is only the fringe of the material side of the question. On the spiritual side, and by that I mean the correspondence between the ideals of this University and its practical achievements, I need only refer to the case of the Department of Education. The creation of that Department, heretofore to be a Faculty, has been justified by the awakening of China to her needs of the future. I ask you in all seriousness what effect you expect to produce on China by teachers produced by one section of the University which numbers all told less than 300 students? I do not ask that success should be measured in numbers, but I do ask you to be prepared to think in thousands instead of in hundreds at a time, which I myself believe to be not very far distant. (Applause.) Tell me if you like that I am dreaming dreams; but if you want your Vice-Chancellor not to dream dreams don't house him where he looks out upon the growing city of Kowloon, with the blue hills behind, beyond which lie all the possibilities of China, with all that that means for Hongkong, as a port and as an emporium. (Applause.)

PROBLEM OF STAFF.

I do not want to detain your Excellency unduly, but there are one or two other points upon which I should like briefly to touch. The first is that of the staff. And here let me express the regret with which we heard yesterday of the resignation of Professor Warren, who is in England, a most valued member of our staff, owing to the ill-health of his wife. We can only wish him all success in the country to which he has returned. (Applause.) The conditions under which the kind of staff you wish for can be recruited and retained will call for careful examination, I imagine, in the near future. There is a widely held impression among the staff that by coming out here they largely cut themselves off from the natural channels of professional promotion in England. I mention the point because I hope that their view is not correct. Recent years are no criterion, because during the war education was much in the background. To-day it is much to the fore, and I am satisfied that the successful organisation of a Faculty in this University will be an excellent credential for the purposes of professional appointment in England. Such experience as I have had in the Universities of Australia leads me to take the view, and I believe, too, that there is room here for all young men of imagination just starting upon their career. A few years spent out here in touch with novel surroundings and an ancient civilisation not their own would be of the utmost value to them in whatever careers they thereafter adopt.

FUNCTION OF FACULTY OF ARTS.

And that brings me to the question of what will be the Faculty of pure Arts, after science, education and commerce have separated themselves from the 1st Arts Faculty; and there it has been suggested to me—I am talking, your Excellency, of things suggested to me—that this University has not entirely fulfilled the promise made to the people of China ten years ago. I have myself had no adequate means of forming an opinion, but I am inclined to think that there may be some foundation for that suggestion. Take, for instance, the study of classical Chinese. We have two part-time lecturers; both, I am informed, men of considerable eminence, whose eminence is recognised throughout China, but

I ask whether that is quite all that we ought to do. I think the same is true of some other in the pure Arts subjects. If we are to take advantage of our exceptional position I think we are bound to make a most serious attempt to do something towards finding a way to mutual understanding between the two civilisations, and that I think, will mainly be done in the Arts subjects. The matter is one which I need not dwell upon further.

FUNCTION OF THE UNIVERSITY.

My last point is our relation to other British educational establishments in China. Let me say that we have no kind of claim upon them, but so far as they desire or should desire that we should become the crowning point of the educational edifice of which they are all component parts, then I do think we are bound to accede to their wishes. One is aware that for some of them education is not the primary consideration, but I venture to hope that it is a sufficient meeting ground. And wherever that has been accomplished, we shall, I believe, have to consider how an increasing part of the work, which now falls within the programmes of the first two years of our University curriculum, shall be largely done in these other establishments, and in that direction lies, your Excellency, in my belief, the true organisation of higher education.

You made the remark, your Excellency, in speaking of myself as the successor of Sir Charles Elliott that it was not from his hands that my office was handed over to me. During the last two strenuous years, Professor Jordan, first as Pro-Chancellor and then as Acting Vice-Chancellor, has fulfilled the duties of that office. (Applause.) I was met by him on arrival. I have received from him every courtesy; he has discussed with me our difficulties and our problems. Having heard his views as to University problems, as to the relations of staff and students, and as to what the University is destined to accomplish, it only adds to my hesitation in taking on my present post. It is to me the keenest pleasure that my first official duty should be to present Professor Jordan for the Honorary Degree which the University is about to confer upon him. (Applause.) It is sometimes true of those upon whom honorary degrees are conferred that their distinction is not academic. That is not so in the case of Professor Jordan. Not only has he studied in his own University but in Paris, London, Vienna, and in my own old University of Cambridge. He has been associated, I believe, with every public medical work in this Colony since his arrival here. It is quite recently that through his influence we are indebted for these additional medical schools of which I have just spoken, and one other title to fame I may mention; when we draw up our list of pious founders and benefactors, foremost amongst them will figure the original founders of the Hongkong College of Medicine, Sir Patrick Manson, Sir James Cantlie, whose son we have with us to-day, and Professor Jordan. (Loud applause.)—One last remark. Every sort of true learning is in a certain sense democratic. Never is it more true than in the conferment of honorary degrees. It is the highest compliment the University can confer, and half its value would be lost were it not for the ratification of the applause of the populace, in this case the undergraduates in the gallery. The expressions of esteem and respect in which Professor Jordan is held amongst our students is doubly due to-day owing to the fact that the Union buildings are about to be furnished in a worthy manner with a sum of some \$20,000 collected by Professor Jordan from among his personal friends. (Applause.)

The Vice-Chancellor then presented Dr. Jordan for the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*, which The Chancellor conferred.

The actual words in which the Chancellor conferred the degree were lost in the pean of applause from the students in the gallery, which was accompanied by the firing of crackers and the beating of gongs.

DR. JORDAN'S SPEECH.

Professor G. P. Jordan said: "I cannot find words to sufficiently express the mixed feelings with which I stand before you to-day. Mixed these are because I am unable to adequately express my deep sense of gratitude for the high honour the University has seen fit to confer upon me. I cannot persuade myself that anything I have done has been worthy of so high a distinction. Force of circumstances called upon me suddenly to give my services to the University, and I did so willingly and freely, and if anything I have done in this respect has been worthy of so high a distinction then I bow with feelings of pride and gratitude to your decision. To have my name in the list of those holding the honorary degree of this University, when that list contains the distinguished names of ambassadors, of governors, and of learned, professional and commercial men; I feel it is really the highest honour the University can confer upon me and I fully appreciate it."

Dr. Jordan went on to say that he was deeply grateful to the Vice-Chancellor for the very kind words used in presenting him to his Excellency for this degree, and he could only say he wished he was worthy of them. He was privileged to express, and he desired to emphasise, the feelings of the staff and the undergraduates of the University in saying that they rejoiced immensely in having Sir William Brunyate amongst them, and tendered him a cordial welcome. (Applause.) The office of Vice-Chancellor had been vacant for a period of two years, but they could congratulate themselves, but that it had been worth waiting, inasmuch as the University had now secured the services of a distinguished scholar, a great financier, a practical educationalist, and administrator to guide and direct them in the development and expansion of the University. (Applause.) He could assure the Vice-Chancellor that nothing would be wanting on the part of the staff and undergraduates in supporting him in his decisions in the various problems now awaiting solution. Let him, therefore, on behalf of those he had had the honour to represent cordially extend their warmest welcome to Sir William Brunyate on his accepting the office of Vice-Chancellor of the University. They tendered also their respects and warmest welcome to Lady Brunyate, the knowledge of whose charming personality had preceded her arrival in the Colony. (Applause.)

It was to be hoped that the Vice-Chancellor, upon investigation, would find that during the last few years, although hampered by the Great War, the University had done some good and its fame had begun to spread in the Far East.

NEW MATRICULATION CENTRES.

It would interest the general public to know that matriculation centres were established in Shanghai and Hankow, in the North, and Peking and Java in the South. This showed that the good work of the University had already begun to spread, but there was still a great deal of work ahead and that work, under the guidance of the Vice-Chancellor, he had no doubt would be accomplished. (Applause.) The Vice-Chancellor would excuse them for the natural curiosity that prompted them to look up his official records and they rejoiced to find in those records all the good qualities which they considered essential for the position which he now occupied. They, therefore, had confidence that in Sir William Brunyate, they had a Vice-Chancellor whose interest and aim in life it would be to promote the success of the University and make it shine forth as a temple of education in China and the Far East. (Applause.)

At the request of His Excellency a memorandum had been drawn up on the immediate requirements of the University. It dealt principally with the urgent needs for the internal expansion as against what he might designate the external expansion. This internal expansion had for its object the evolving of general interest in the University, not only in Hongkong, but elsewhere, and in increasing its spheres of interest, and consolidating those already in existence. In the matriculation centres, just mentioned, the University had agents to carry on the work of examinations, but it was wanted to extend the sphere of the University to get external sympathy from Europeans and Chinese, which was so essential for its advancement. The Shanghai Municipal Council recently requested the University to inspect the schools in their district. This responsibility had been accepted. It was a great opportunity let them send someone fully qualified not only to inspect the schools but to put forward the case of the Hongkong University. It would be money well-spent to send two men. It should be their endeavour to enlist the sympathies, not only of all Chambers of Commerce, Municipal Councils, but of individuals also. It might then be hoped that Chambers of Commerce would do, as had been done locally, and provide an endowment for five or more years. (Applause.) The University must send someone who would show that it was no longer in swaddling clothes, but had developed into full adolescent life; who would point out the imperial position the University now occupied and its advantages to British interests; to convince China and the Chinese of its genuine educational interest in them; to show that the University could give them not only technical education, in medicine and engineering, through schools, hospitals, workshops and laboratories, but it could give them the economic and literary education they were seeking. Thus only could the name of the University become prominent.

THE STUDENTS' UNION.

To turn for a moment to a matter inside the University—to the Students' Union. That fine building given by the University was the means of a great work. Through this medium the University had an important part to play in promoting the interchange of ideas between teachers and students so as to produce that mutual good-will which was so essential. (Applause.) To you undergraduates of this University, concluded Dr. Jordan, "in taking my leave of you, I desire to say how much I have derived from my association with you, and I carry away very pleasant and lasting recollections. (Applause.) I have one word of advice to give: Have more confidence in your teachers, and believe that they are working for your good. Very shortly your Union building will be fully equipped and you will then have an opportunity of developing the social side of your University life. I have every confidence that your professors and teachers, who teach you in the classrooms, will be only too pleased to teach you outside the classrooms, in your Union rooms. Thus by working in harmony, the Union will be resplendent in moral and social influence, and, while you bring credit on yourselves, you will reflect credit on your Alma Mater, and the Union will shine forth as a bright light in this great temple of education in the Far East. (Applause.)

Mr. Myron T. Herrick, then, declared the congregation closed.

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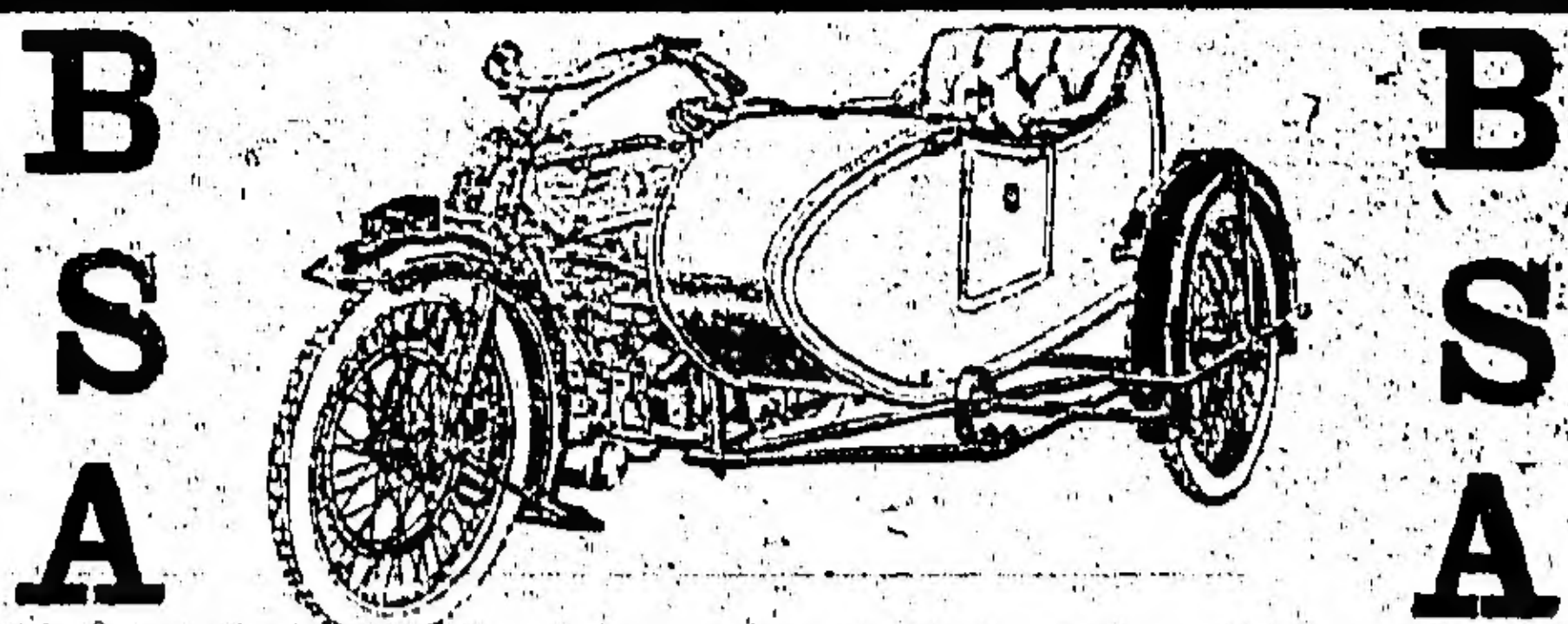
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CREW'S CLAIM FOR WAGES.
JUDGMENT FOR THE
SHIPOWNERS.

The Acting Chief Justice (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz) delivered judgment, yesterday, in the Supreme Court, in the action brought by thirteen Chinese seamen against the Standard Transportation Company of Hongkong, for \$22,000, the difference between wages at the American and the local rate.

The plaintiffs were engaged on a letter signed by the Captain of the s.s. *Seguoya* but they afterwards signed the ship's articles, and the case turned largely on the question which document governed the relations between the employers and the employed.

The Acting Chief Justice, after summarizing the facts of the case, said that in his opinion the letter of agreement and the articles must clearly be read together. He did not agree that the words in the letter "to and from" meant from New York to the Orient and back; a more natural construction was to take them as equivalent to the words "from port to port" or "between ports." It would have been easy to make an express stipulation for a return to New York and thence again to the Orient if this was what the parties intended. The natural and ordinary meaning of the words is not that which Mr. Alabaster puts upon them. Nor is the contention that plaintiffs were entitled to discharge in New York in any way tenable, either on the letter, or the letter and the Articles read together.

Coming to the claim that the plaintiffs had an engagement for a minimum period of 18 months—this is equally hopeless on any construction of the letter—whether read in conjunction with or without the articles. I am not surprised that Counsel did not make this his main point. When however the plaintiffs go into the box it is quite clear that this is not only their main point, but their only one. They did not care whether they returned to New York or not, or at what port they were discharged, provided they got as they say a minimum agreement of 18 months.

I have considered very carefully the evidence on commission and the oral evidence given here and I am satisfied that the typed words on the upper left hand corner of the first page of the Articles were adequately explained to the plaintiffs, with no doubt, the necessary modifications. A misunderstanding there undoubtedly was, and it was due, I think, to the fact that the plaintiffs, from whatever cause had come to believe before they went to the shipping office that 18 months was the minimum period and therefore paid no attention to the other heads of the agreement, excepting of course the rate of salary.

But the vessel cannot be held responsible for this, which was in no way the fault of the Master or the Agents. Judgment for defendants with costs from date of payment into Court.

A STABBING AFFRAY.
CHINESE CHARGED WITH
MURDER.

At the Magistracy, before Mr. G. N. Orme, yesterday, the first hearing took place of a case in which Chan Cheung Shing was charged with the murder of a man named Fan Hin.

The Assistant Crown Solicitor (Mr. Hazlerigg) prosecuted, and Mr. M. E. Lo defended. The case was a sordid one. The deceased was killed in a brothel. It was alleged that he had ill-treated one of the women in the house, and one of her friends organised a party to revenge her. The affair developed into a stabbing affray, in which several men took part on either side, and the prosecution alleged that the prisoner was one of the men concerned and that he had a dagger. Therefore, though he might not have actually struck the fatal blow (said Mr. Hazlerigg) he was a murderer in the eyes of the law, if it were proved that he took part in the attack.

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THE COLONY'S SEA BATHING FACILITIES.**A COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.**

The following report of the Committee of the Legislative Council on the provision of facilities for sea-bathing in the Colony was laid before the Council by Command of His Excellency the Governor, yesterday:-

We have considered the questions referred to us, which were as follows:-

(1.)—The feasibility of providing adequate facilities for sea-bathing for the residents of:-

(a.)—The Island of Hongkong.

(b.)—Kowloon.

(2.)—The possibility of supplying cheap and easy means of transport to the public in connection with such sea-bathing.

(3.)—Some persons who wish to indulge in sea-bathing in the Colony do so by means of private launches and yachts, and in the case of societies and schools by hiring craft of all kinds for the season or by the trip at a small cost per head. There are, however, many who are unable to make use of any of these facilities and they have hitherto depended on using the beaches at Kennedy Town and North Point.

(4.)—In view of the fact that reclamations for industrial purposes threaten in the near future to remove the beaches hitherto used, we have had to consider how they can be replaced, and in doing so we have adopted as a maximum figure for the cost of transport to, and use of, a bathing beach the sum of 40 cents per head. With this limit we find that it is feasible to provide public facilities for sea-bathing both for the residents of the Island of Hongkong and Kowloon.

(5.)—In the Island of Hongkong we recommend that the Government should undertake the preparation and upkeep for public bathing of two places in Victoria:-

(a.)—The first place is a beach 30 feet in length lying between Marine Lot 290, the premises of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, and Marine Lot 321, the premises of the Hongkong Electric Company. We are advised that this beach can be developed satisfactorily so as to be available for bathing at practically all states of the tide. It is proposed to reclaim this beach for a depth of 30 feet from the existing road channel by means of a pitched rubble slope, the seaward line being built to a level of ten feet above Ordnance Datum. The reclaimed area would be surfaced in lime and cement concrete, and a matched accommodation would be erected on it, and a fresh water shower bath. A bamboo pier with diving places would be constructed along the South-west boundary of Marine Lot 321 and the bath area enclosed by a hardwood boom of suitable depth to prevent floating debris passing underneath and fitted with a splash board to prevent oil being thrown over into the bathing area by the motion of the water. The boom will also provide a safeguard against accident.

(b.)—The second place is at Kennedy Town. For the present year and possibly for a few years hence the portion of beach hitherto used will be available, and we do not recommend any change in the arrangements existing. It is, however, possible that a reclamation of a moderate length may be constructed in the near future, which will include the whole or a part of the beach now in use. In that case we recommend that a portion of beach more to the westward be developed in much the same manner as the beach dealt with under (a).

(6.)—For residents of Kowloon we have been able to arrange with the Naval and Military Authorities for a portion of the beach on the north side of Stonecutter's Island to be reserved. We recommend the construction by the Government of a fence enclosing an area above high water, mark, a bamboo pier, a diving platform, matched dressing-rooms, and a matched refreshment. We also recommend the construction of a short bamboo pier at the end of Jordan Road, Kowloon. The Kau-Lung Sze-Yau Kai Ferry Company which operates the ferries on the west of the harbour, has offered to provide a launch to carry bathers between the pier suggested and Stonecutter's Island and back at a low fare, the exact amount of which has not yet been fixed. The launch would leave Jordan Road about 4.45 p.m. and 5.45 p.m. every afternoon, and return from Stonecutter's about 6.15 p.m. and 7 p.m. No other launches should be allowed to use the Government beach and we recommend that a sum of ten cents be charged for each bather. By this means provision would be made for about 300 bathers a day.

(7.)—The cost to the Government of providing the bathing facilities is estimated to amount to about \$3,000 details of which are given in the Appendix. A sum of \$3,700 is provided in the Estimates for the current year, and this would have to be supplemented.

(8.)—We desire to record our appreciation of the assistance rendered to us by Mr. E. W. Carpenter of the Public Works Department in the preparation of plans and estimates, and in making suggestions.

CLAUDE SKYRRE,

H. E. POLLOCK,

LAW OFFICE.

April 4th, 1921.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

WEATHER REPORT.

April 7th at 12.13.—Pressure has increased slightly at Weihaiwei, and decreased considerably at Foochow. Shanghai reports a continental depression in latitude 39 deg. and longitude 125 deg. No returns from this district are to hand.

Pressure changes since yesterday are small in southern districts.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 5.74 inches against an average of 7.07 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:-

Direction **Forecast.**
Hongkong to Gap Rock (Light or variable winds, fair.)
Fuzhou Channel (The same as No. 1.)
South coast of China between (The same as No. 1.)
South coast of China between S.E. winds, Hongkong and Hainan moderate.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.
Hongkong Observatory, April 7th

	Previous Day at 3 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 3 p.m.
Barometer	29.94	29.93	29.87
Temperature	70	70	77
Humidity	84	92	75
Wind Direction	East	East	WNW
Force	3	1	1
Weather	3	0m	0
Rain	—	—	—

Highest open-air Temperature on 6th .. 71

Lowest open-air Temperature on 7th .. 69

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 8th to 14th, 1921.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 8th to 14th, 1921.

HIGH WATER.					LOW WATER.				
Days of Week or Day of Month.	Days of Month.	H'kong Standard Time.		Height.		H'kong Standard Time.		Height.	
		h.	m.			h.	m.		
Fri.	8	9	5	6.1		3	17	1.9	
		9	38	6.0		3	39	1.6	
Satur.	9	9	31	5.8		3	45	1.0	
		10	22	5.8		4	17	1.3	
Sun.	10	10	10	5.7		4	13	2.3	
		11	11	5.4		4	35	1.2	
Mon.	11	10	57	5.9		4	42	1.8	
		12	0	5.0		5	0	1.5	
Tues.	12	10	18	6.9		5	41	1.3	
		13	18	4.5		5	44	3.2	
Wed.	13	0	58	6.8		7	47	1.5	
		2	48	4.3		6	21	3.6	
Thurs.	14	3	38	6.8		8	54	1.6	

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.**HONGKONG TIMES FOR APRIL.**

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
April 8th	6.10 a.m.	6.41 p.m.
April 9th	6.10 a.m.	6.41 p.m.
April 10th	6.9 a.m.	6.43 p.m.
April 11th	6.7 a.m.	6.43 p.m.
April 12th	6.6 a.m.	6.43 p.m.
April 13th	6.5 a.m.	6.43 p.m.
April 14th	6.4 a.m.	6.43 p.m.
April 15th	6.3 a.m.	6.44 p.m.
April 16th	6.3 a.m.	6.44 p.m.
April 17th	6.1 a.m.	6.45 p.m.
April 18th	6.1 a.m.	6.45 p.m.
April 19th	6.0 a.m.	6.45 p.m.
April 20th	5.56 a.m.	6.46 p.m.
April 21st	5.56 a.m.	6.46 p.m.
April 22nd	5.56 a.m.	6.46 p.m.
April 23rd	5.57 a.m.	6.46 p.m.
April 24th	5.56 a.m.	6.47 p.m.
April 25th	5.56 a.m.	6.47 p.m.
April 26th	5.54 a.m.	6.48 p.m.
April 27th	5.54 a.m.	6.48 p.m.
April 28th	5.53 a.m.	6.49 p.m.
April 29th	5.52 a.m.	6.49 p.m.
April 30th	5.52 a.m.	6.50 p.m.

T. F. CLAXTON,
Director,
Royal Observatory.

APPENDIX.**ESTIMATE OF COST OF PROVIDING BATHING FACILITIES IN HONGKONG AND KOWLOON.**

(a.)—At North Point to the South-West of Marine Lot 321.

Permanent Work:-

Reclamation of Foreshore \$2,000

Provide H.W. Boom 1,400

Annual Expenditure:-

Maintenance 600

Preparation of beach and shower baths 50

Notice-boards, tickets, upkeep of boat, stores, etc. 200

Attendants 600

Total \$5,150

(b.)—At Kennedy Town.

Annual Expenditure:-

Maintenance \$ 350

Preparation of beach 50

Upkeep of boat, stores, etc. 150

Attendants 250

Total \$ 800

(c.)—At Stonecutter's Island.

Annual Expenditure:-

Maintenance, fence, raft, etc. \$ 700

Preparation of beach and pier 150

Now Notice-boards, boat, stores, uniforms, etc. 300

Attendants 400

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Total \$1,700

Grand Total say \$8,000

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TIENTSIN ... "CHONGSHING" Tues., 12th Apr., D'light.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW ... "KWONGHANG" Tues., 12th Apr., 3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA ... "NAMSANG" Wed., 13th Apr., 10 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW ... "TAKSANG" Wed., 13th Apr., 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN via SWATOW ... "CHONGSHANG" Thurs., 14th Apr., D'light.
BANGKOK via SWATOW ... "FOOCHING" Fri., 15th Apr., D'light.

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SHANGHAI & TRINGTAO	"CHENAN"	On 9th April, 12 P.M.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"LUCHOW"	On 12th April, 10 A.M.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & PUOW	"SINKIANG"	On 12th April, Noon.
SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 14th April, Noon.
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"SOLIAN"	7,000	20th Apr.	do.
"DEVANHA"	8,000	27th Apr.	London & Antwerp.
"NAGOYA"	7,000	13th May.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
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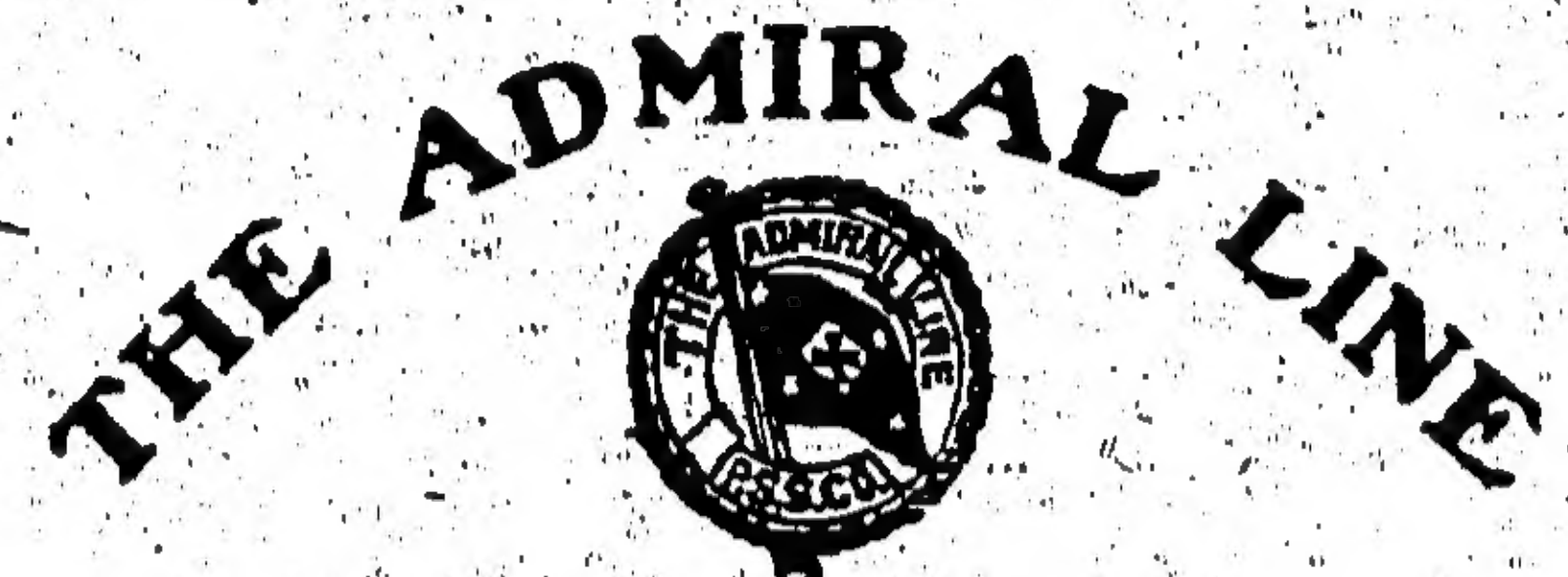
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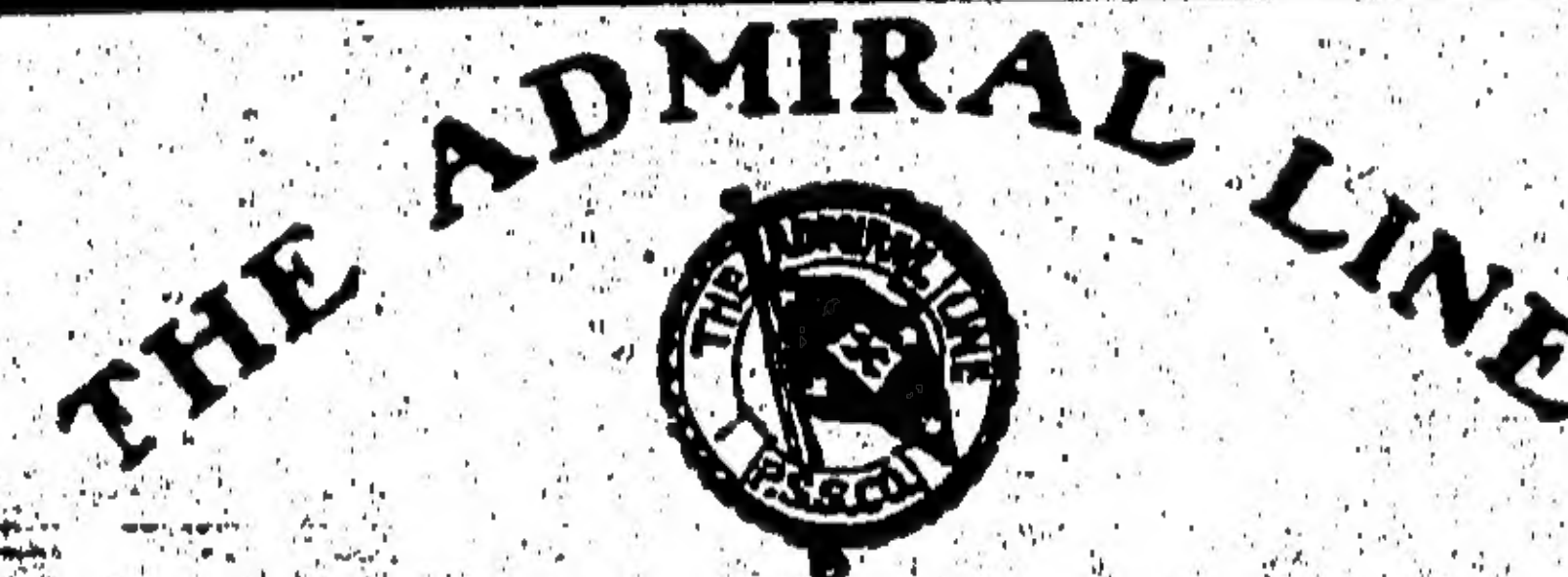
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SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"ANDRE LEBON"	20,000 tons	On or about 27th April.
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FROM	PER	DATE
SHANGHAI	Sinking	8th inst.
STRAITS	Kamakura Maru ...	10th inst.
AUSTRALIA and MANILA ...	Aki Maru	11th inst.
Europe via Suez (Newspapers only)	Nagoya	11th inst.
Europe via Suez (Letters only)	Glenfullock	15th inst.
London 3rd and 10th Mar.		

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Port Bayard, Hainan and Haiphong	Hanoi	Friday, 8th, 9.00 A.M.
*Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India, via Dhaneshkodi, and Bombay	Kusado Maru ...	Friday, 8th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Friday, 8th, 11.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands	Yuenang	Friday, 8th, 2.00 P.M.
Japan	Bentley	Friday, 8th, 5.00 P.M.
Holow and Bangkok	Pinsamud	Friday, 8th, 5.00 P.M.
Amoy	Tsun	Saturday, 9th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, *Straits and *Bangkok	Hsueh	Saturday, 9th, 9.00 A.M.
Straits, *Bangkok, Calcutta and Aden	Gregory Apar ...	Saturday, 9th, 9.30 P.M.
Saigon, Java & Port Moreby via *Batavia	Tipanas	Saturday, 9th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai, and North China	Chusan	Saturday, 9th, 1.00 P.M.
*Swatow and Bangkok	Chusan	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	Amakura Maru ...	Sunday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, *Shanghai and *N. China	Tungshing	Monday, 11th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, North China, Dairen, *Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and *EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.	Alpha Maru	Monday, 11th, 9.45 A.M.
Swatow, *Shanghai and *N. China	Kwongang	Monday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Tientsin	Chongshing ...	Monday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Luchow	Tuesday, 12th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, North China and *Japan	Nagoya	Tuesday, 12th, 9.30 A.M.
Japan	Aki Maru	Tuesday, 12th, 10.00 A.M.
Amoy, *Shanghai, and *North China	Sinking	Tuesday, 12th, 11.00 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta and Aden	Namsang	Tuesday, 12th, 2.00 P.M.

* Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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"EURYADES"	14TH JUNE Genoa, M'les, L'pool & G'gow.

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"TEUCER"	25TH MAY

NEW YORK SERVICE

(VIA SUZUKI & PANAMA)

"KT. COMPANION"	13TH MAY via Suez.
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HOMeward PASSENGER SERVICE

"IDOMENEUS"	21ST APR. for Liverpool.
"PYRRHUS"	3RD MAY for London.
"ANOHISIS"	21ST JUNE for London.
"TEIRESIAS"	7TH JULY for London.

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J. YEUNG LY, Manager.

Hongkong, July 7th, 1918. [80]

The Bank has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. regarding the deposit of funds for the purpose of the above mentioned project.

The sum of \$10,000 has been deposited in the name of the above mentioned project and will be held in trust for the benefit of the same.

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COMMERCIAL.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

	April 7th.
ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	2/5
Bank Bills, on demand	2/4
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	2/4
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	2/4
Credit, at 4 months sight	2/5
Documentary Bills, 4 months sight	2/4
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	575
Credit, 4 months sight	735
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	475
Credit, at 60 days sight	495
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	183
Bank Bills, on demand	183
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	183
Bank Bills, on demand	183
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bills, at sight	100
Private, 30 days sight	97 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA.—	
On demand—Pans	107
ON MANILA.—	
On demand—Pans	104
ON BATAVIA.—	
On demand—Pans	138
ON HAITHONG.—	
On demand—Pans	nom.
ON SINGAPORE.—	
On demand—Pans	nom.
ON BANGKOK.—	
On demand—Pans	865
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$5.00 n.
GOLD LUMP 100 Sols per tal	\$31.00 n.
BAR SILVER per oz.	31 1/2